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U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Re: Docket No. AO-F&V-991-A3; FV03-991-01

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To Whom It May Concern:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the representative base period. A lot of effort was put into the original proposal and the

eventual inclusion of an additional year to the base period. It was a

fair proposal that took in all the relevant issues of that time.

We still feel the original representative period is the fairest to all parties involved.

In the interest of getting this issue to a vote, as soon as possible, we are willing to support the most recent 6 year period as the representative period.

We hope that the department will expedite the process so that the USA Hop Industry can vote on the proposal as soon as possible. This process has gone on far to long. The uncertainty of this lengthy process has caused a long shadow to be cast on an already difficult period in the Hop Industry.

Sincerely

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